

Remarks

The Office Action rejected claims 1-9 and 11-19. Herein, claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9, 11, 17 and 18 have been amended, claims 3, 7, 8, 10 and 19 have been cancelled, and new claims 20-28 have been added. Reexamination and reconsideration of claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9, 11-18 and 20-29 herein is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-9 and 11-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and the Examiner kindly specified specific informalities in the claims. The claims have been amended herein to address these informalities. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully requested.

The Office Action indicated that claims 9 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-8, 12, 13 and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Anderson (U.S. Patent No. 3,727,975). In view of the amendments herein, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 requires features not disclosed or taught by Anderson.

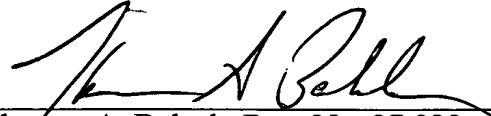
The Office Action further rejected claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Anderson in view of Donnelly (U.S. Patent No. 5,375,914). Because independent claim 1 is believed patentable, it is believed that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) has been obviated, and its withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 20-28 introduce no new matter. Such claims are fully supported by the specification, claims and illustrations of the application as filed. Applicants have amended various paragraphs of the specification to merely clarify terminology, however such amendments introduce no new matter into the specification and are fully supported by the specification and illustrations.

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The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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